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# Fund Commentary

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## John Hancock Lifestyle Conservative Portfolio

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### FUND RESULTS

The Portfolio returned -0.90% for the quarter ended March 31, 2008, compared to a -0.12% return for its benchmark, a blended index combining 20% S&P 500 Index and 80% Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index.\*

### MARKET REVIEW

Stocks suffered a broad-based sell-off during the first quarter, as a worsening credit crisis and a slowing U.S. economy combined to depress share prices. There were few places to hide within the equity markets. For example, in the U.S. market, large-cap, mid-cap and small-cap stocks all posted losses approaching double digits. With the situation deteriorating rapidly, the Federal Reserve Board intervened, slashing short-term interest rates by a total of 2.00%. The Fed also loosened its lending guidelines to allow investment banks to borrow directly from it, as commercial banks do. Additionally, the central bank facilitated JPMorgan Chase's buyout of embattled broker Bear Stearns by providing a \$29 billion loan guarantee. These actions appeared to reassure the markets and steadied stock prices somewhat by the end of March.

On the fixed-income side, high-quality fixed-income securities and securities denominated in foreign currencies were the strongest performers, while non-investment-grade securities lagged significantly. TIPS (Treasury Inflation Protected Securities) also performed well, as they benefited from both the flight to quality and growing inflationary pressures. Shorter-maturity securities enjoyed the tailwind of the Federal Reserve Board's reductions in interest rates, while those with longer maturities were boosted by the increasing likelihood of a serious economic slowdown, which trumped the negative implications of rising inflation.

### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Overall, our diversification across asset classes was a modest positive contributor to relative performance. Specifically, we benefited from our exposure to international large-cap, U.S. real estate and global real estate equities, along with global bonds and TIPS. Offsetting some of those benefits was our

allocation to the weak-performing high-yield bond asset class. From a manager perspective, while there were some standout relative performers, our manager selections overall held us back.

Among individual funds, our performance benefited from a double-digit stake in intermediate-term bond fund **Total Return** (PIMCO), which added value because of its concentration in high-quality bonds. An emphasis on quality also benefited **Investment Quality Bond** (Wellington), a long-term bond fund that aided performance. In the equity portion of the portfolio, exposure to **Fundamental Value** (Davis) modestly aided the Portfolio's results, as that large-cap blend fund's loss was cushioned by underweightings in the weak health care and technology sectors.

Conversely, performance was hampered by a position in **Global Real Estate** (DeAM), which was weighed down by weak overall security selection, a relatively heavy emphasis on Asia and light exposure to Europe. On the fixed-income side, several intermediate-term bond funds delivered disappointing results. **Strategic Bond** (WAMCO) was hampered by its positions in select automotive names, its investments in mortgage-backed securities and exposure to high yield. Meanwhile, **Spectrum Income** (T. Rowe Price) underperformed due to its small exposure to dividend paying equities and exposure to high yield. In the case of **Active Bond** (Declaration/MFC Global (U.S.A.)), its stake in mortgage-backed securities dragged down performance. Lastly, **U.S. Government Securities** (WAMCO), a short-term bond fund, was hurt by positions in AAA-rated non-agency floating-rate securities and mortgage-backed securities.

### OUTLOOK

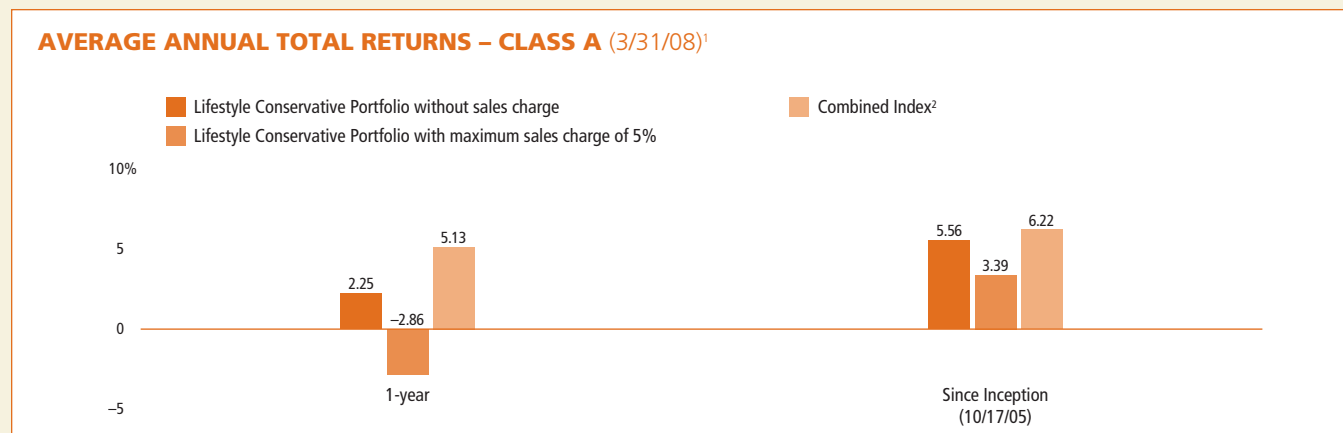
While the quarter-end rally was driven by relief that the Fed was actively addressing the U.S. economy's problems and hope that the credit crisis would abate, it's difficult to tell how soon we'll see meaningful improvement. Domestic and foreign banks are still vulnerable to significant write-downs of assets, in our view, and the U.S. economy continues to show signs of slowing, which will lead to slower earnings growth. However, it is important to

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remember that markets generally start to recover well before the actual economic data turns decidedly positive. Given the daunting challenge of trying to predict when this will occur, as well as trying to predict what the

leading areas will be, we believe the Portfolio's broad diversification offers a very prudent way to participate in the eventual recovery.



Performance reflects a net annual fund operating expense ratio of 1.35%. The gross annual fund operating expense ratio of 1.43% is reduced due to a contractual expense reimbursement. This reimbursement is in effect until at least 5/1/08 and may be terminated after such date. These figures are based on estimated expenses of the underlying funds in the Portfolio. Expenses for other share classes will vary, which will affect returns. Performance figures assume that all distributions are reinvested. Performance quoted without sales charges would be reduced if the sales charges were applied.

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- The combined index consists of 20% of the S&P 500 Index and 80% of the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index. The S&P 500 Index is composed of 500 widely held common stocks. The Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index includes U.S. government, corporate and mortgage-backed securities with maturities up to 30 years. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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